

### REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action dated May 31, 2007. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 15, 17, 18, 25, 27, and 28 have been cancelled. Claims 31-37 are new. Claims 1, 12, 16, 21, and 26 have been amended. New matter has not been added with the new claims and the amendments to the claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in accordance with the following remarks.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 25, 26 and 28 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent format. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9. Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15 and independent claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 25. Dependent claim 18 has been rewritten as new independent claim 31 and dependent claim 28 has been rewritten as new independent claim 34. In view of the claim amendments, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

A Fee Authorization for the two additional independent claims over three has been electronically submitted. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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